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# Undergraduate Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee

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## Minutes of January 24, 2000 Meeting

**Present:** Carol Holdcraft, Beth Basista, Prabhaker Mateti, Richard Mercer, Mark Sirkin, Tom Sav, Roy Vice, Patricia Renick, Jeanne Fraker (University College), Joe Law (WAC), Paul Griffin (guest), Joe Coleman (guest), Manley Perkel (guest), Christine Weber (guest), Tim Donofrio (Registrar's Office), Beth Wirick (student rep.), Jan Maxwell (library)

**Minutes:** Minutes of December 6, 1999 were approved as distributed.

### **Course Inventory Requests/Course Modification Requests:**

COLA: The following were approved: AFS 200, AFS 300, AFS 400, AFS 401.

CECS: The following was approved: ME 316

### **New Programs/Program Changes:**

COLA: B.A. African and African American Studies: The committee welcomed Paul R. Griffin, Professor of African and American Religious History and Joe Coleman, Associate Professor of Management Science who attended to reply to questions about the proposal. They clarified the admission GPA of 2.5. They indicated that in the future, additional courses may be developed to fulfill the 59 credits of departmental requirements to allow for more choices and flexibility for students. An additional recommended elective course from the History department will be added. Advisors and faculty in the department will work closely with students to plan their programs from the recommended electives. The proposal planners will come up with a title for the AFS 300 course that clearly describes the course and is appropriate for the student record. Following discussion, the committee voted to accept the proposal. It will be forwarded to Faculty Senate with a recommendation of approval.

### **Old Business:**

COLA Math proposal: Interim Mathematics Placement Exam Procedures: Manley Perkel, chair of Mathematics and Statistics was present to discuss the interim procedures for Mathematics Placement. He shared with the committee that a committee in the department is in the process of determining a new math placement exam which will be a standardized test, probably computerized. He shared the interim procedures but said it was too early to determine the impact of those procedures. He emphasized the department's willingness to work with other colleges about any further concerns regarding math placement. This resolution of the COLA concerns will serve as the end of their original proposal on this committee's old business.

**WAC Report:** Joe Law reported that he began working on an assessment plan for the Writing Across the Curriculum program, in close coordination with Bill Rickert. Joe responded to questions about transfer in of WI credit from specific courses taken at community colleges where the writing component has been closely modeled after the WSU comparable course.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, February 14 from 3:00 - 4:30 in 158 UH. The committee discussed changing the meeting time to one hour earlier, but three members could not attend due to their class schedule. It was decided to keep the meeting time as established with an effort to end by 4:00 since several members need to leave by then.

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